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O R 171200Z AUG 74 FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2567 INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: NA

SUBJECT: MAURITANIA AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 178041, NOUAKCHOTT 1039, 1084

- 1. ACTION REQUESTED. AFTER CAREFUL RECONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION WITH AADO GARNER, SMITH AND TDY AID OFFICER BAKER, RECOMMEND WE NOT RPT NOT GO AHEAD WITH PLAN FORMALLY REQUEST GIRM BEAR AIRCREW SUPPORT COSTS BAMAKO. TO DO SO WOULD GO COUNTER TO PRECEDENT SET LAST YEAR WHEREBY USAID PAID ALL RPT ALL MAJOR AIRLIFT COSTS LEAVING GIRM RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR LOCAL (NOUAKCHOTT) AIRCREW TRANSPORT, WAIVER LANDING FEES AND WAIVER FUEL TAXES. OTHER AIRLIFT DONORS (SPAIN, FRANCE, FRG, LIBYA) HAVE FOLLOWED SIMILAR PRACTICE AND HAVE DEFRAYED ALL OR NEARLY ALL AIRLIFT COSTS.
- 2. I AM, MOREOVER, RELUCTANT PLACE USG IN POSITION OF GUARANTOR FOR GIRM PAYMENTS TO MALI OF CREW LODGING AND OTHER BAMAKO COSTS. THERE WOULD INEVITABLY BE DELAYS IN GIRM PAYMENTS AND USG COULD BE PLACED IN AWKWARD POSITION OF HAVING DUN GIRM ON BEHALF MALIANS. IN SUM, IF USG IS IN EFFECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT HOLDING THE BAG IN THE SENSE THAT MALI EXPECTS KS TO

GUARANTEE PAYMENTS FOR BAMAKO-NEMA AIRLIFT, THAT BAG SHOULD LOGICALLY CONTAIN CASH DEFRAY SUCH EXPENSES. REQUEST AID/W CONCURRANCE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION.

3. FOR BAMAKO: IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT LAST YEAR MALI WAIVED LANDING FEES AND FUEL TAXES FOR THAT PORTION MAURITANAIN AIRLIFT BASED AT BAMAKO. ASSUME SAME WILL BE TRUE FOR 1974 EFFORT. PLEASE CONFIRM. SHURTLEFF

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